

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 3, 2006.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Driscoll of Braintree in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

God of Compassion and Truth, we pray for guidance and direction in legislative and personal matters on the opening day of this new year's legislative session. The beginning of the new year offers us opportunities to reflect thoughtfully and to evaluate correctly our past priorities and decisions. Help us to respond fairly and honestly. Grant us the wisdom to be open to the opinions of others, new ideas, new information and data as we address the current and the future needs of the people and the Commonwealth. Inspire us to be committed to sound philosophical principles, ethical values and our own personal religious beliefs. May we continue to make our communities safe, orderly and open to all people.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Driscoll), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

David Russell Eklund.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Ms. Peisch of Wellesley) congratulating David Russell Eklund on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lepper of Attleboro, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Papers from the Senate.

Braintree, mayor/city council.

The House Bill establishing a mayor/town council for the town of Braintree (House, No. 4483, changed) came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments in lines 80 to 89, inclusive, striking out the sentence contained therein and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: "The department of municipal finance shall be responsible for the coordination of all of the duties and responsibilities related to fiscal and financial activities which are performed by or under the authority of the town accountant, the treasurer, the collector of taxes, the Trust Fund commissioners, the board of assessors, the finance committee, and the MIS department, and it may have such additional powers, duties and responsibilities

with respect to fiscal and financial-related functions and activities as may from time to time be provided by ordinance." and, in lines 110 and 111, striking out the words", prior to the adoption of the Charter, were" and inserting in place thereof the word "are".

Under suspension of Rule 35, on motion of Mr. Driscoll of Braintree, the amendments (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted, in concurrence.

A communication from the Hampshire Sheriff's Office relative to correction actions taken pursuant to a Department of Public Health inspection of the Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction was read for the information of the House and returned to the Senate to be placed on file.

Hampshire s Sheriff s Office.

Recess.

At twenty-one minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Lepper of Attleboro (Mr. Driscoll of Braintree being in the Chair), the House recessed until a quarter after twelve o'clock noon; and at that time the House was called to order with Mr. Driscoll in the Chair.

Recess.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill establishing a mayor/town council for the town of Braintree (see House, No. 4483, changed and amended) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill enacted.

Mr. Fennell of Lynn then moved that as a mark of respect to the memory of Philip N. Carney, a member of the House from Lynn from 1961 to 1972, inclusive, the House adjourn; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-two minutes after twelve o'clock noon, on motion of Mr. Lepper of Attleboro (Mr. Driscoll of Braintree being in the Chair), the House adjourned.

[Under the provisions of Article X of the Amendments to the Constitution, the 2005 session of the General Court was dissolved on the day next preceding the first Wednesday of January, without any proclamation or other act of His Excellency the Governor.]